

WHY THE DEINHARD EXTENSION IS IMPORTANT TO US: SAFETY

The creation of an easement for a future public roadway and pedestrian paths on the southern boundary of the middle and elementary school southern boundary is important for safety on Woodlands' roadways should the Pine Creek Ranch development proceed.

Our hope is that Deinhard Lane would first be extended as the primary access to any new development to avoid a hazardous increase in construction and residential traffic on Woodlands Drive and other Woodlands roadways. We would like to see roadways to the new development detached and separate from the Woodlands roadways, except in the case of emergency.

Safety is our first priority. Woodlands Drive has no sidewalk, it is narrow, and walkers, cyclists and runners of all ages use all Woodlands roadways, including school age children attending the elementary and middle school. Non-resident school parents already add to Woodlands Drive traffic volume, they drop students at the WHOA common area to walk west to the schools to avoid the Deinhard/Spring Mountain traffic jams. In winter, Woodlands Drive is more narrow as snow storage and removal challenges increase, 2 vehicle passing in opposing directions is often very tight. Often, there are poor driving conditions on the street in winter, worse than other parts of McCall due to shade and proximity. Limited snow storage options cause snowbanks so tall that sight lines for exit of most all the driveways on Woodlands Dr are obscured.

Woodlands Drive is the single ingress/egress for 118 units to connect to larger roadways, therefore it is crucial for safety not to dramatically add new resident or construction traffic in future. Several Woodlands Drive near misses, downed trees, congestion, conflicts and more all substantiate these safety concerns.

Safety is a priority on campus also. A properly designed extension of Deinhard Lane could improve on-campus safety and area traffic circulation.